

Tattersall's NEWS



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Young members advisory committee to be formed

The Club is to form an advisory group of members aged under 40 to assist the club committee in making Tattersalls more attractive to younger members.

At the December committee meeting, it was unanimously agreed to select an advisory group of 10 younger members of the club from the many who attended a series of four discussion meetings in November and early December.

The club committee feels there is an urgent need to attract more young members into the club - at present the proportion of members aged under 40 is less than 20%, while those older than 60 make up more than 60%.

The proposal to form the advisory group envisages that the younger members will guide the club in the provision of new amenities and sporting and social activities during the coming period of redevelopment of Tattersalls.

At the four meetings, younger members put forward a series of proposals, among which were a major upgrading of the third floor facilities.

The younger members also called for an aggressive membership drive, better communication with members, consideration of family based social activities, increased marketing of the Club Room for functions, a brochure for members, outlining the full range of club facilities and services and consideration of contracting out the catering and athletic facilities to reduce losses in these areas.

At the final meeting, committee members emphasised the need to retain the momentum of the meetings and the enthusiasm of younger members who had taken part by giving them a continuing involvement in the planning of club facilities for the future.

Neville Amy told them: "We have to have the type of club the young members will want and will support in the future." Bruce McHugh commented: "The committee needs your help to get the usage of the club up to the level it was 20 years ago."

Club Chairman, Tony McSweeney, told the younger members: "All of us on the committee are aware that the club has to be planned for you because you are the people who will be using it for the next 30 to 40 years."

Efforts are continuing to consolidate the intense interest shown by younger club members and the committee hopes the establishment of the younger members advisory group will assist in achieving this.

Dates for your diary

This will be a regular feature of the newsletter and committee chairmen and members who wish to remind other members of forthcoming events, are asked to leave a note for the editor at the club main office.

Epicureans theatre visit to see "Company", a musical by Stephen Sondheim at the Drama Theatre, Opera House, Thursday, February 27th., 8pm.

Tickets, \$35 including dinner, taxi to and from Opera House and the show, through Joanne on 264-6111. Bookings close on February 13.

Club Room. Dinner and Show. Entertainment by Max Bygraves. 7.30pm for pre-dinner drinks, Thursday, March 20th. Tickets: \$50 each, include pre-dinner drinks, dinner, wines and show. Black tie. Bookings at the office.

Sydney Cup Dinner. Club Room. 7.15pm for pre-dinner drinks, April 3rd. Tickets \$30 each includes pre-dinner drinks. Black tie.

1986 Snooker Tournaments. Last day for entries to reach Joanne: Friday, May 2nd.

Auction and Lunch: Monday, June 2nd, 12.30pm.

Late Diary Entries — see Page 4.

Tattersall's new style newsletter

This edition of the Tattersalls Newsletter incorporates a number of changes, both in its contents and its appearance. The club committee is very keen to improve communication between the club and members and the new newsletter is a step in this direction.

The committee has appointed Mark Stead, a Sydney journalist and public relations consultant as Editor of the newsletter and the club magazine and his duties are:

- To publish on time each month, so that members have the current month newsletter posted to them on the first of the month with their accounts;
- To ensure that the newsletter is filled with NEWS, including all forthcoming sports and social activities in plenty of time for members to make bookings;
- To make the newsletter look interesting and attractive so that members automatically start to read it instead of filing it under F for Forget.

The club committee has appointed a small sub-committee to oversee the newsletter and magazine and the members are Neville Amy and Peter Golding and the Club Secretary.

Mark has already met some club members, including the secretaries and chairmen of most sporting and social activities sections. He will depend heavily on these and other members for the flow of information about the club and club members which alone can ensure the success of the newsletter and magazine.

We must all remember its OUR newsletter. We have to give Mark the news to put in it. So all members are asked to provide him with any items of interest they may have. Mail for Mark Stead can be left at the office with Margaret Bell.

Finally, Mark needs your thoughts on the newsletter. Suggestions and comments are requested from members. All will be seriously considered. Editorial deadline is 10th of each month.

Tony McSweeney.

Sportsman of the year bowls for two clubs

Club member Evan James "Jim" Williams is so keen on bowling that he plays for two clubs instead of just one.

And back in November his activity for the bowling section at Tattersalls resulted in Jim being chosen as Sportsman of the Year for 1984.

Jim joined the club in 1973 but began playing bowls for Tattersalls about five years ago in spite of the fact that he was already playing regularly for the Double Bay Bowling Club. More recently he has played for the City Bowling Club as Captain of No. 1 Pennants.

Jim won the Tattersalls Pairs Competition in 1983 and the Singles Competition in 1984 and has won well over 30 club championship events during his bowling career, which is a record unequalled by any member of Tattersalls Bowling Club.

Partnered by Bob McLaren of City Bowling Club, Jim also won the Pairs Competition at the Eastern Suburbs Turn of the Year Tournament.

In their nomination of Jim for the Sportsman of the Year Award, Jim's fellow bowlers said he won every match he played for the club and marked him 50 out of 50 for the various criteria for the award.

"His record on the green is matched only by his ability to help organise and strengthen any club with which he has been associated," they said.

Jim simply says he is trying to put something back into bowls and that is



why he has become President of the City Bowling Club and has been on the bowling selection committee here for two years.

Jim, when he has time away from bowls, is a businessman, running his family business in real estate investment. But for many years he was a farmer, first in poultry, then pigs and finally growing roses under glass before he decided on real estate. He has two children, one a boy "who is old enough to become a member of Tattersalls but is too flat out at work".

At the Award in November, Club President, Tony McSweeney presented Jim with two handsome cut glass goblets engraved with his name and a bottle of champagne to fill them. Jim's name is also inscribed on the new Honour Board for Sportsmen of the Year which is hung in the basement function room.

Our table is the best

DO YOU KNOW...the club has "the best billiard table in Australia". That tribute was paid recently by the Sydney Morning Herald Metro column, which went on to explain that the Tattersalls table was a "one-hundred year old, hand carved masterpiece worth over \$30,000."

Metro interviewed our professional, Paddy Morgan and contrasted the best place to play billiards and snooker in Sydney (Tattersalls) with some not-so-good places, including a number of public pool halls, rated among other things for the quality of their coffee.

So congratulations to Paddy on a great bit of public relations work for the club. Nobody who read the article was left in any doubt that the Australian Mecca of a serious player is the billiards room at Tattersalls.

Fees rising

Members who have waded through their accumulated mail after returning from holidays already know both the good news and the bad.

The good news was that the club committee at its December meeting decided that in future membership fees could be paid in two half-yearly amounts, before March 1 and September 1.

The bad news, of course, was that the fees had to go up. The rise is to \$400 a year for ordinary and bookmaking members with proportionate increases for other classes of members.

A major reason for the increase, of course, is the enormous outlays the club faces in connection with the Ordnance 70 alterations to the building, which are the subject of an article in this newsletter.

Study planned

The Building sub-committee has forwarded the notice below to bring members up-to-date with the club building programme:

"As previously advised, the Development Application placed before Council has now been approved.

"Therefore the relocating of certain facilities within the club can now be reorganised into the most efficient and practical arrangements whilst maintaining all the traditional facilities and aura of the present club.

"Price Waterhouse Urwick, management consultants, has been commissioned to do a feasibility and financial study to assist in the determination of the best usage by financial return to the club of the excess areas, namely Floors 4, 5 and 6, created by the plans put before Council.

"Upon completion of these assessments the proposals for the future can be placed before members for their consideration."

At the Chairman's party

More than 250 club members and guests attended the Christmas cocktail party given by Chairman Tony McSweeney and his wife, Molly.

As has become the tradition, the chocolate wheel was set up in the main club room on the first floor for the occasion.

As always, with only 60 tickets sold for each spin, getting a ticket in the first place was almost harder than winning the prize, when you had got it.

The first Christmas hamper winners were Ron and Heather Stokes, guests of Mr Terry Linfield.

Our picture shows from left, Lady Galleghan with Dr Austin Mooney, Mrs Mary Coulton and Mrs Hazel Mooney.



Chef learned French cuisine in Mauritius



The word seems to have got out — well ahead of this newsletter. The club has a new Executive Chef who is doing great things for the dining room.

Bertie Lamport joined the club late in November from the Regent Hotel where he had spent three years as Sous Chef in charge of banqueting and functions.

Bertie comes originally from Mauritius, but spent some nine years in Western Australia before heading east to Sydney. In Perth he worked as Executive Chef at two leading hotels and a leading businessmen's restaurant. But he also put in six months in charge of catering for the miners at the Mt Goldsworthy iron ore project.

He says the miners were every bit as demanding about their food as the guests at a \$90 a head function at the Regent, but they could be kept happy as long as they each got their nine eggs and half a kilo of cornflakes for breakfast.

Bertie sounds very French when he speaks to you and that's because his mother was from a French family while his father was English.

In Mauritius he trained as a chef with a leading resort hotel group which, among other activities, supplied Qantas and Air France aircraft passing through.

In our dining room, Bertie intends to keep the highest standards of the club's traditional menu - fresh fish and vegetables brought in each day, with different vegetables for lunch and dinner - but also intends to introduce dishes which may appeal to younger members. Already he offers to produce members special request dishes to order provided the ingredients are available.

"I propose to introduce nouvelle cuisine," Bertie says. As an example he mentions a dish featured during his first month, roast scampi with two sauces. One sauce was capsicum, the other was sauternes. The scampi was served with a garnish of snow peas.

For most of us, nouvelle cuisine is simply French cooking, calculated to help lose weight and containing no 'stodge'.

For Bertie Lamport, it also means using sauces richly flavoured with meat or fish so that less cream and butter is needed.

Bertie was married last February, which was bad luck for the Regent, but good for Tattersalls. It meant he no longer wanted to put in up to 16 hours a day preparing banquets and functions for more than 800 people every day. Welcome to the club, Bertie.

Ladies at lunch

The decision to open the dining room to ladies at luncheon has proved a popular one with club members. Over the Christmas season a considerable number of members took the opportunity to bring female guests to the club. All members are urged to bring ladies to the club for lunch to savour the delights of Bertie Lamport's cuisine.

New members welcomed

Five new members were elected to the club in December. They were:

Mr Warwick J. Andrew, CBE, a lawyer practising in Sydney who has served as a judge in Papua New Guinea;

Mr Joseph Chaika Doueihy, MBE, Managing Director of Pro Export Australia Pty. Ltd.

Mr Trevor J. Green, Director of Concert Music of the A.B.C.

Mr Martin J. Reed, Investment Manager, G.I.O.

Mr Lee S. Ruth, Director of Rural Chemical Industries Pty. Ltd.

Peter Ashby

All club members, particularly those in the Handball Section, of which he is Secretary, will want to send their very best wishes to Peter Ashby. Peter has been seriously ill in recent months. Everybody hopes for Peter's recovery in 1986.

A great year for Snooker

By Syd Lane

1985 has been a magnificent year on the 2nd floor, starting of course with the Grand Snooker and Billiards Tournaments which were enhanced by Paddy Morgan as referee.

His constant attention to the tables has improved the quality and enjoyment of our Snooker beyond anything we may have hoped for.

He has organised many mini-tournaments, mostly round robins for 12 or 16 players. Also he has been most successful with round robin tournaments for pairs which have been enormously popular.

Three particular items made this year's tournaments more enjoyable and more successful:

- (1) The Calcutta Auction and luncheon was very well attended and very satisfactory;
- (2) The Calling of the Card was a "first" and will surely be repeated this year;
- (3) The Christmas function which was held on the 16th December was a huge success with 44 members sitting down to dinner at one large table with a flaming Christmas pudding in the centre. The evening started about 5pm with a knockout tournament and finished about 2.30am. Every player received a trophy of one or more bottles of scotch, the winners (Len Williams and Adrian Abbott) receiving a beautiful hamper each.

Enough from me, so now a few words from **Paddy Morgan**:

Well, I have just completed my first year at Tattersall's and I must say that I have enjoyed it immensely.

I feel that the standard of play has very much improved, and hopefully the next 12 months will see further improvement of our players.

During the year we had many Singles and Doubles Tournaments which proved very popular with members and we hope that 1986 will see more players entering them.

Finally I would like to thank all of the Snooker committee for the help they have given me throughout the year. My first year has been a happy one and I hope that it is the first of many at your Club.

All had to win prizes at the Christmas Splash

The big event of December was the Christmas Scramble. The race was a spectacular success and a handicappers dream. Only inches separated the 1st and 2nd teams whilst the 3rd and 4th were close up.

Honours went to Czar John Nicholas' team whose time was two seconds under the estimate.

All received prizes consisting of wines, chocolates, golf balls, jams and a very generous contribution of nuts per genial John Murray. The last man's booty was as good as the winner's, owing to the generosity of members who responded to the appeal in wonderful fashion.

Unfortunately prior to the start, the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Alec McLelland collapsed and was whisked off to Sydney Hospital.

Aerobics classes start on third floor

With exquisite timing, the club masseur, Paul Todd, is planning to introduce supervised exercise classes this month - just about the time when members will be starting to feel guilty about the weight they put on over Christmas.

Paul, who has been a masseur for four years, will introduce aerobics classes to music with different levels of activity for members who wish to build up their fitness. He will also hold more traditional exercise classes, based on aerobics for members who do not wish to undertake a full aerobics programme.

Paul intends to hold these classes at least three times daily from Monday to Friday and has posted a list in the gym for members to indicate their interest and the days and times each week which would suit them best.

"The important aspect of these classes is that everybody will be supervised," says Paul. "If members request it, I will also design personal programmes for them, based on their fitness needs and their present health." Paul says he needs to know members' health background before they start a programme. "If somebody has an old back or knee injury, then the programme can be designed around this," he says.

"Many people take exercise programmes without supervision and without really understanding what they are doing. If they work with weights in this way, they may even

Last months Point Score was won by newcomer Geoff Cowan with a score of 32 points from Ted Joye and Mal Holecek on 26.

"Tony" McSweeney's Silver Sharpe Trophy for all points during the season is at an interesting stage with Mal Holecek leading at 78 points from John Ward, Dan O'Connor and Michael McCormack 69, David Robinson 64, John Nicholas 61, John Barrell 57, Charles Coppa, David Dind, Andrew Torok, Gerald McCormack 56, Terry Forrest and Geoff Cowan 54 and Rod Austin 50.

George Beynon's Trophy leaders are Mal Holecek 6½, Ted Joye 5, Michael McCormack and Allister Lugsdin 4 with Charlie Coppa, John Ward and Geoff Cowan 3.



injure themselves by damaging joints or ligaments." Paul will ask anybody planning a strenuous aerobics programme to have a physical check-up first.

But if the supervised aerobics and exercise classes prove as popular as he hopes, then Paul will be approaching the committee to introduce some of the Nautilus range of training equipment which can be adjusted for each individual trainee and used to develop particular aspects of muscle tone and fitness.

There are now two masseurs on the 3rd floor. Ring for your appointment and don't forget to place your name on the list for aerobic classes for any day (or days) of the week.

For Paul Todd physical fitness is a family business. Paul was with the Hyde Park Club before he joined Tattersalls and is a former amateur boxer, surfer and rugby league player. His father is a sports conditioner, specialising in working with football teams, and has taken over this position with the Canterbury-Bankstown Rugby League Club this year.

Col Tidy's 80 yard handicap, held each Thursday, is proving immensely popular. Seven to eight finals are held each week. Rick Glover is leading with a total of ten points from Mike McCormack 56, John Barrell 55, Terry Forrest 50.

The Ken Ranger and Dominic Beirne Trophy is close with Allister Lugsdin 5, Geoff Cowan 5, Rick Glover 4½, John Barrell 4 and Graham Cole 4.

SWIM SNIPPETS

•Bill Kendall and Bill Butchart lining up on the board again after a rather long spell. •Mark Delaney set a new flying start record, 16.1 secs in a B race relay heat. •Welcome to new members George Gell and Ian Brightwell. •Ian Joye back after six months in the Old Dart. •Card from Sir Tal Duckmanton extending greetings to members of the third floor. •Morry Anderson spending a few days in St. Vincents undergoing physiotherapy. •Bill Orme on the handball courts again after his latest walking tour, 934 kms from Basle to Nice down the Vosges, Jura and the "Great Traverse of the Alps".

Results

19/11/85 80 Yds B Race Relay: Final G. McCormack and G. Cowan; 21/11/85 80 yds Hcp 1st Final J. Ward, 2nd Final G. Cole, 3rd Final R. Glover and R. Austin, Dead Heat; 4th Final A. Lugsdin, 5th Final J. Barrell, 6th Final G. Cowan; 26/11/85 40 yds Hcp, 1st Final E. Joye, 2nd Final G. Cowan; 28/11/85 Col Tidy 80 yds Hcp, 1st Final P. Sutton, 2nd Final A. Berkman and J. Nicholas, Dead Heat, 3rd Final J. Murray, 4th Final J. Barrell, 5th Final A. King, 6th Final J. McCosker; 3/12/85 80 yds 1st Final A. Torok, 2nd Final J. Barrell, 3rd Final A. Lugsdin, 4th Final T. Forrest, 5th Final G. Gell, 6th Final G. Cole; 10/12/85 40 yds Hcp - Final M. Holecek, 12/12/85 Col Tidy 80 yds, 1st Final G. Gell, 2nd Final A. Torok, 3rd Final J. Murray, 4th Final J. Baker, 5th Final A. Lugsdin, 6th Final T. Forrest.

COL TIDY TROPHY

R. Glover 64, M. McCormack 56, J. Barrell 55, T. Forrest 50, A. Lugsdin 50, J. Nicholas 49, A. King 48½, G. Cowan 47, J. Barker 45, G. Cole 42, J. Murray 42, G. McCormack 39.

KEN RANGER AND DOMINIC BEIRNE TROPHY
A. Lugsdin 5, G. Cowan 5, R. Glover 4½, J. Barrell 4, G. Cole 4, J. Ward 3½, T. Forrest 3½, G. Wilson 3, R. Farrell 3, J. McCosker 3, J. Murray 3, A. King 2½, R. Austin 2½, A. Reed 2½, A. Torok 2½.

LATE DIARY ENTRIES

Snooker:

New Monthly Pairs Tournament:
Thursday February 20th,
Thursday March 27th,
Last Thursday of month thereafter.

Bowls Programme:

Thursday, February 6: social games, City Bowling Club. Thursday, February 13: Club Championship singles match, Double Bay. Play commences 9.30am. See draw for opponents on club notice board. Thursday, February 20 and 27: Matches - social games, Double Bay. Thursday, March 6: Matches - social games, City Bowling Club.

Handball:

Knock out competition, 25 February 5pm, 11 up Blitz. Smorgasbord & Presentation Sportsmans Room after.